New York, 14 Nov.r 1835.

Lewis Tappan.

Dear Brother Phelps,

Your letter of Nov.r 9th has given me very great satisfaction. I have communicated to Msrs.r Leavitt, Wright & Jocelyn the matters intended for them, & I will now take up your letter, & make a few remarks on the several topics in the order in which you have placed them.

1. G. T. You say "the charge of embezzlement must be cleared up". It cannot be explained away nor justified, as you are probably aware. If it can be shown to be a single act & that it was repented of & forgiven, it is all that can be done. Is this what you mean?

I do not agree with you exactly about what you say as to the ministerial character of G.T. I should have little confidence in him if he had assumed the ministerial character here. So far as the public is concerned it might do that he should never again go into a pulpit in the character of a minister, but we ought to be satisfied that he did not deceive us in the matter. If, after the explanations that had been made to him, he entered the pulpit when he knew he was not a minister, & merely as a ruse to get the ears of the people on another subject, I would for one cease all connexion with him. If you knew this to be the fact, let me know it.

I agree with all yr other remarks under the head G. T.

2. Mission to England. The Ex. Com. have ever been opposed to Mr & Mrs C. going to England, or elsewhere, on a mission from the Amer. Anti S. Soc. — Individuals here encouraged Mr Thompson to expect something to aid Mr & Mrs C. in performing a tour to England &c. G.T. undertook to raise in Boston, N.Y. and Phila.a a specific sum for this purpose. Mr Miller Co. came here with $500 from Boston friends supposing the Ex-Com. would perhaps give as much more, & our Boston friends seemed to have entertained a similar idea. But it was all a mistake. At this juncture Mr Child was arrested & Mr Shelley of Boston & he has to remain until Feb. to abide the issue of the suit.

Mr Sellers C. that of going to Hayti to while away time until Feby. to pay the expenses of their voyage by the profits of a journal of their voyage. Our Com. are now negotiating with them to write for the newspapers — E. Post, American &c in this employment I think they might do great good anonymously.

I like your remarks under this head.

3. Agency operations. What you say under this head I like, & I presume the agency committee will act upon your suggestions.

Mr Avery from Rochester, & Mr Kellogg from Utica are here. They speak encouragingly. Two pamphlets are to be published at Utica — one giving the acts of the Convention & the State Soc. and the other the Addresses. B. Green is writing the address to the people of the State or U.S. and another to abolitionists.

Mr Birney writes that strong threats are made by influential men that he shall not publish a paper at Cincinnati. The Ex-Com. have appointed him an agent to labor this way.

J. Sedgwick & Co. edit the Evening Post during Mr Leggetts' illness. He wrote Veto in months past.

Do exert yourself, when at Boston, to have our friends there act boldly & prudently. Let their language be mild, but their actions firm and onward! They have it in their power now to do great things. I pray that by Providence may have grace to shun the sanctifying influence of affliction upon his heart. Will you not have a faithful conversation with him on the subject of personal religion?

Affectly yours

Lewis Tappan

The gov. of Georgia calls us "monsters"!!!